

1 **WHAT IS CLAIMED** as being new, useful and desired to be protected by Letters Patent
2 of the United States is as follows:

Sub A1
1. A method of forming an amine-free emulsion of an alkaline earth metal sulfonate
2 compound, said method comprising the steps of:

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4 a) adding a urethane-based thickener compound to water;
5 b) dispersing said thickener compound in said water by mixing until a uniform
6 water/thickener solution is formed;
7 c) adding an alkaline earth metal sulfonate or sulfonate-containing mixture to
8 said water/thickener mixture; and
9 d) mixing said alkaline earth metal sulfonate or sulfonate-containing mixture
10 together with said water/thickener solution until a uniform emulsion is formed.

Sub A2
2. An amine-free emulsion of an alkaline earth metal sulfonate compound prepared
in accordance with the method of claim 1.

Add A2

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